

BELMONT PERMANENT BUILDING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

August 19, 2003

The meeting of the Permanent Building Advisory Committee was called to order by Pat Brusch on August 19, 2003 at 7:30 P.M. in Meeting Room 1 of the Town Hall. Present were: Patricia Brusch, Robert Jones, Robert McLaughlin Joel Mooney, Bill Shea and Karen Pressey.

General: Pat Brusch provided thorough orientation sessions for the first meetings of the Fire Stations Building Committee and the Senior Center Building Committee and presided over the elections of officers.

Fire Station Officers

Robert McLaughlin Chair
Leo Saidnawey Vice Chair
William Webster Treasurer

Senior Center Officers

Karen Pressey
Neil Hegarty
Lynne Doblin

Town Hall Complex: Joel Mooney reported that the transition phase has been completed. Transition facilities seem to be adequate for everyone. The second phase of Town Hall renovations have been completed. The roof was put to the test with a spate of rainy weather and it no longer leaks. The renovations for the Annex and School Administration Buildings have begun. Initial work is concentrated on the exterior to provide divided parking space for use by the Town and by the construction workers. They will then proceed to the repointing and exterior building work. The detailed woodwork and moldings in the School Administration Building are being carefully disassembled to make way for wiring and duct work and will be reassembled in the finishing process.

The Committee has hired Robert San Clemente on a half time basis as the Owners Representative. He is a retired DCPO Project Manager and lives in Arlington.

Fire Stations Building Committee: Bob McLaughlin reported on the election of officers and the draft RFP for the Architect. Rob Jones will coordinate the RFP's for both the Fire Stations and the Senior Center. Bob indicated that his committee is meeting tomorrow night and hopes to finalize the RFP and get it posted in the Central Registered for the required three weeks. He indicated that he had attended the presentation by Barbara Bashalom of The Green Round Table and has included references to environmental concerns in the RFP.

Senior Center Building Committee: Karen Pressey reported that the Senior Center Building Committee has met twice. The first meeting was the orientation meeting and election of officers. The second meeting focused on explorations done by members on environmentally responsible buildings (Green). Several members attended The Green Round Table meeting and toured Boston Nature Center which was built in partnership with the Massachusetts Audubon Society, the George Robert White Fund, and the City of Boston Environmental Services Cabinet. They were enthusiastic about the possibilities of incorporating the Green approach into the Senior Center planning process. Members of the Permanent Building Committee thought that there was promise particularly in areas of use of materials, water and energy savings, and recycling but cautioned about the practical considerations of plant management in the completed buildings and reliance on new technologies with a relatively short record regarding durability. A suggestion was made to add as one of the criteria, the performance of a comparative analysis of Green vs. traditional construction. The Senior Center Building Committee will continue to become educated on the pros and cons of Green construction as we move toward the development of an RFP.

Next Meeting: Tuesday September 23, 2003 Meeting Room 1

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Pressey